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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATIONS

Summary of Fiscal Impact. The bill establishes a statute of limitations for violations of minimum wage laws. It is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Currently, an employee receiving less than their legal minimum wage is entitled to recover through civil action the unpaid balance of the full amount of such minimum wage, along with reasonable attorney fees and court costs. This bill specifies that actions brought for violations of minimum wage laws must be commenced within two years after the cause of action accrues or, for a willful violation, within three years after the cause of action accrues.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It establishes a timeframe for minimum wage violation actions, and the fiscal note assumes that most actions are currently brought within two or three years. As a result, it is not expected to change the workload, revenue, or expenditures for any state or local government agencies, including the Department of Labor and Employment.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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